

IN THE CLAIMS

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Please cancel claims 1-4.

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Please add the following new claim:

B! 5. A method for inducing, in a mammal that is immunologically responsive to alpha B-crystallin, a reduction in a proliferative response of T lymphocytes specific for alpha B-crystallin, comprising the step of:
administering to said mammal an agent comprising an effective amount of alpha B-crystallin.

REMARKS

This is in response to the official action dated January 8, 2002. Reconsideration in view of the following is respectfully requested.

The undersigned wishes to thank the examiner for the courtesies extended to the undersigned and the inventor, Dr. van Noort, during the interview on March 19, 2002.

As discussed during the interview, applicant now submits a claim directed toward a method for inducing a reduction in the T cell response to alpha B crystalline. It was pointed out that the specification provides clear support for demonstrating this effect. (See Fig. 4 and pages 37-39).